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Introductory.

Friends, we are here, and we have no apology to offer for coming. We are here for a purpose, and that purpose is to do good for our fellow man. The KANSAS AGITATOR was not launched upon a "tempestuous sea" of journalism, but to fill a long-felt want, but to furnish a paper for the farmer, the laborer, and the home at a price that can easily be paid by all. This paper is intended to do missionary work, to educate the masses on the living issues of the day—to help the people of this debt-ridden, rum-cursed, monopoly-ruled land to see just where they stand—to open the eyes of this blind.

We make no grand promises to make these two simply our aim to stand by the masses and advocate measures for relief of the depressed—those who are bowed down by the burden of debt and salaried by the power of rum. These common all advocate the union of all elements, because we believe "Unity in union there is strength." Nation is ruled by monopolies, trusts, combines and rings, and is ruled by the liquor power. We see this. Thousands of thinking people understand it, but there are many thousands who do not understand: some because they do not care to understand, and many who have not had a chance to fully acquaint themselves with existing circumstances, although they know something is wrong.

We have placed the price of the AGITATOR at 50 cents per year, for the purpose of furnishing a paper within the reach of every person.

We need make no further explanation. This paper will always be found on the side of right, no matter what the issue may be. We shall strike sturdy blows at the head of the terrible monster that steals away the brains of so many noble citizens. We shall endeavor to lift the depressed farmer and laborer

up to the place on which they, by rights, belong. We shall strive to unite all of these reform elements. Friends of the people, lend a hand in this good word.

This Paper Is Paid For.

The AGITATOR will be sent only as long so it is paid for. When your time is up, your paper will be stopped. If you get a copy, or more than one, you can rest assured that it is paid for by some friend. Take it home, read it and hand to some friend.

If you want to do a little missionary work, subscribe for a few copies of the AGITATOR, and send them out among friends—where they will do the most good. The people need educating, and we propose to do all we can to educate them. Friend, lend a helping hand.

THE AGITATOR this week does not come up to our expectations. We have been laboring under difficulties in getting out this, the first number. We'll have everything in shape in a few days, and will give you the best paper you ever saw for 50 cents a year.

THE Harper county Farmers' Alliance held a county convention on the 3d inst., and nominated a ticket. Their candidate for representative is opposed to Ingalls' re-election. 'Rah for Harper county!

THE farmers of Putawatomie and three adjoining counties held a celebration at St. Mary's, on the 3d inst. The procession was over two miles long. They made the old politicians look sick.

As soon as you read this paper, hand it to some neighbor, have him read it and hand it to another neighbor, and keep the ball a-rolling.

PROHIBITION has never placed a mortgage on a single farm or piece of property of any kind, and re-submission will never remove one.

SEND us items of news. Let us know what you are doing. Make your letters short and to the point.

FT. SCOTT original package dealers came out on top the other day. But their victory will not last long.

SEE our premiums for club-raisers, then go to work.

HERE's a weekly paper for 50 cents.

STRIKE THEM WITH TERROR!

Hit 'Em Hard!

The farmers of Johnson county have thrown a bomb into the Republican ranks that has thrown them into a fever of terror. An effort was made to get enough Republicans into the Farmers' Alliance to control the organization (just as they are doing all over the state), but, at a meeting in Olathe, on the 3d inst., such action was taken as to prove conclusively that the farmers are not going to be led blindly to the slaughter, but are going to do a little independent thinking and acting.

The Alliance and the F. M. B. A. all over the state should take similar action. They should set down on all efforts of the political bosses to control them.

The Republican bosses have no love for the movements on the part of the farmers and laborers to benefit themselves. If they can control their votes, so they (the bosses) can get the offices for themselves and their pets, they will pat the old "pumpkin-buskers" and their fellow sufferers on the back, and say, "Bully boys! Go ahead and talk as much and as loud as you please. Pass plenty of resolutions, make a big noise, but be sure you vote with the old party." But, let the farmer or laborer get a little stiffening in his back-bone—let him assert his independence; then see how quickly the old ringsters will turn the cold shoulder, and yell, "This farmers' movement is only a Democratic trick," or, "These laborers are playing into the hands of the enemy." The honey is all spilt, and you are roundly abused by the men who depend upon you for their very existence.

Let the people stand up for their rights. You have been robbed by politicians, rings, railroads, trusts and combines long enough. You have the whole matter in your own hands. You can break the bands that bind you if you will. Strike terror to the hearts of your enemies by voting as independent freemen! Will you do it?

THE AGITATOR indorses and adopts as its motto the following advice given by John Wesley:

Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as ever you can.

Grand Celebration.

Ed. Agitator:

Please announce through your paper that the Alliance and F. M. B. A. will celebrate July 4, 1890, in Forest Park, Ottawa, Kas.

Hon. John P. Stelle, of Mt. Vernon, Ill., will be the orator of the day. Mrs. Lease, of Wichita, will be present and deliver an address in the afternoon. Other noted speakers have been invited.

The local lodges will endeavor to make this the largest meeting ever held in Ottawa. Come, everybody, and spend the 4th in the finest grove in the state.

J. O. STEWART,

State Sec'y F. M. B. A.

Grand Premium OFFER To Club-Raisers.

In order to rapidly gain a circulation for the KANSAS AGITATOR, we hereby offer the following liberal premiums to club-raisers:

First Premium.

To the person sending us the largest number of yearly subscribers, at 50 cents each, by Sept. 15, 1890, we will give one of the Johnson & Field Co.'s Fanning Mills—price, \$30.

Second Premium.

To the person sending the second largest list, we will give one Parry Road Cart—price, \$18.

Third Premium.

To the person sending the third largest list, we will give one silver watch, open face—good time-keeper.

Other premiums.

To the person sending the fourth largest list, we will give a copy of "Whither Are We Drifting?" by Wiley. To the person sending the fifth largest list, we will give a copy of Brice's "Financial Catechism." To the one sending the sixth largest list, we will give a year's subscription to the Kansas Farmer, the Advocate or the American Nonconformist.

Don't Stop Here!

As a further inducement to club-raisers, we make this offer: For a club of five, we will (in addition to the above premiums) give an extra copy of the AGITATOR one year. If you send a club of ten at one time, keep \$1 and send us the balance (\$4).

Send in the names as fast as you get them—Cash with each order.

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